

The CIA's Still Secret JFK Assassination Files

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Why does the CIA continue to keep its records relating to the assassination of president John F. Kennedy secret from the American people? Join FFF president Jacob G. Hornberger for this week's episode of The Libertarian Angle as he examines that question.

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why does the cia continue to keep its records relating to the assassination of president john f kennedy secret from the american people join me in this week's segment of the libertarian angle as i examine that question [Music] i'm jacob hornberger president of the future of freedom foundation and this is this week's segment of the libertarian angle the show that brings you the principled and compromising case for the libertarian philosophy and i'm going to do a solo performance this week because my colleague and co-host richard eveline who teaches economics at the citadel could couldn't make it and so i'm going to talk about one of my favorite subjects and that's the assassination of john f kennedy now you can get a lot more material on this subject at the future freedom foundation's website i've published two books on this subject the kennedy autopsy the kennedy autopsy two we've also published a book by douglas horn called jfk's war with the national security establishment why kennedy was assassinated horn of course served on the assassination records review board in the 1990s and in fact we're coming out with a print version of doug's book probably by next week so you'll be able to get that on amazon and then we got jefferson morley a former reporter for the washington post has written a book for us called cia and jfk the secret assassination files i've written a couple of other books regime change the jfk assassination uh the evil of the national security state so that and then there's a lot more there's a there's in fact a seven hour video by doug horn that is one of the best presentations of what went on this assassination and particularly the autopsy which is a key to understanding the assassination that you'll ever find so that's

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that you'll ever find so that's extremely popular viewing on our website and then i've done a long series myself on the jfk assassination a video series what i want to focus on today are the still secret assassination files of the cia and other government institutions now why are these files still secret i mean it's been what more than 55 years since the assassination well the question obviously arises why were they secret in the first place i mean you know look at the official narrative of what happened here because everything's very pat in this assassination you know communist marine us marine who was supposedly a communist who had supposedly tried to defect to the soviet union and then comes back and essentially everybody leaves him alone at the height of the cold war you know no grand jury subpoena no indictment and so forth that this is just the slow nut according to the official narrative who's a u.s communist marine who decides that he's going to shoot the president and they say well the his motive was that he was he was a little man wanting to be a big man and he figured he could be a big man by killing a big man well except for the fact that he denied doing it and not only that not only did he deny doing it he claimed that he was being set up that's what he meant by when he said i'm a patsy i'm being set up here i'm being framed so obviously he had somebody or

some group of people in mind as to who was framing him because when he ultimately went to trial he'd have to say well this is who's framing me well why then is everything shot in secrecy it's just a straight simple murder case right and yet in the warren commission the official commission that was charged with investigating the assassination they have secret hearings what is that all about why not just open it up to the public and show hey this was a lone nut you

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and show hey this was a lone nut you know just everything's real pat and everything there's nothing to hide just you know let's let's show everything but no everything's shrouded in secrecy and everything is shrouded in the most important two word term in our lifetime and at least in our political lexicon and that is national security now there there's never been a more meaningless term i think no one's ever been able to define it but it essentially gives omnipotent powers to the national security establishment the pentagon the cia the nsa all they have to do is mention national security and everybody starts quivering and quaking and federal judges will you know gavel down case dismissed you know national security everybody gets all nervous and you know everything revolves around national security even though nobody can define the term but it's really an excuse to give the national security establishment a omnipotent powers total powers it that way the the federal judiciary including the supreme court can act like they're just acting legitimately when they when they defer to the national security establishment say oh well look national security just take here well where in the constitution does it say that you know there's some kind of extraordinary national security powers it doesn't say that and there's a simple reason for that that america wasn't founded as a national security state america was founded as a limited government republic where you did have full transparency in government operations but once that the conversion took place which i have long held was the worst mistake the american people ever made once that conversion took place from a constitutionally limited government republic to a national security state after world war ii that that effectively changed everything that made the national security establishment the most powerful section of the government one that the the supreme court and the federal judiciary defers to that the congress the first two and the president defers to why be because it's so powerful they

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why be because it's so powerful they have the power of assassination they have the power of spying on people they have just essentially totalitarian omnipotent powers that are non-reviewable supreme court won't get involved with any of the exercise of these powers including the assassination of american citizens including the assassination of u.s officials that as long as the the national security establishment relates it to national security the supreme court has said we can't get involved it's national security and so you know what did national security have to do with just a regular murder case see this is what what is is one of the real anomalies here the real mysteries because they were really intent on keeping things secret all right and that's their their term today now let me let me explain to you what what happened here that lat in in i think it was august of 2018 the deadline came up for releasing all the records that had been turned over the national archives 25 years previous now i'll go into that background in a minute um but the deadline was up and and the assassination researchers who pretty much brilliant people and what they've uncovered without subpoena power over the the last 50 years is absolutely incredible i mean that that's how that's all the circumstantial evidence for example that leads toward the fraudulent autopsy and and as i held in my two books a fraud there's no way to reconcile an innocent a fraudulent autopsy with an innocent explanation i mean just no way and so they they had 25 years to release all their records and that deadline came due in august i believe in 2018. and president trump was saying oh yeah i'm going to release these records there's just no reason to keep them secret and there wasn't any reason it was 55 50 some odd years ago and yet the cia goes in there practically at the last minute in into president trump's office and

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in into president trump's office and says look we need more secrecy more time for secrecy here and i nobody really knows what they said nobody really knows if it was a person-to-person meeting or but there was communications there and somehow or another the cia prevailed on president trump to extend the time for secrecy why on grounds of national security is that ridiculous you see the argument was that if the american people got to see these records 55 year old records national security would be threatened i mean what does that even mean that that as soon as americans read read these records like on the internet or something because darn sure the mainstream press isn't going to cover it that that the united states is going to fall into the ocean that that the communists are going to come and take over america that cuba is going to invade the united states it's ridiculous and yet the mainstream press just oh yes national security i mean they just accept it like you know without any question it's just phenomenal how the mainstream press doesn't question the the ridiculous nature of this excuse well so president trump gets gives them an extension until i think it's october of 21 2021. okay now why do they wait till october of 2021 for the next deadline well because that's after the election after the presidential election presidential elections it's november if they had done it in october of this year you see then it becomes a campaign issue and that's the last thing they wanted they wanted to pass it past the election and and just pass the election so that while there may be a spate of publicity at the time by the time the next election comes around nobody cares again because that's what happened here in in august 2018 there was there was pretty major publicity the mainstream press was covering it that that this deadline was up and the national archives was saying we're going to release these records and they had

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to release these records and they had been preparing it for this for a year or two getting all the records ready and so there was this pretty large publicity but you see once the extension's granted oh the mainstream press loses interest and now the the presidential elections on it's like not an issue and the same thing will happen as soon as the next election whether trump's re-elected or joe biden's elected that a year after that when it comes due there'll be this little spate of publicity and inevitably the cia will be going to the president saying we need another four-year extension on national security he said they'll be making the same ground so it seems to me that it's important to talk about it now maybe you know if if we keep talking about it somebody in the mainstream press will will put it to biden and say if you're elected will you grant another extension and if so tell us why we want to know now before the election we don't want to know after the election or we don't want to wait till after the election to find out what you're going to do and the same thing with trump are you going to do it again are you going to grant another extension and so that's the reason why this is still so important and why i'm bringing it up in this segment is that it needs to be talked about it needs to be asked about and these candidates should be required to state their positions on what they're going to do when the next extension comes due now let me let me put things in context as to how this whole thing took place and how it came about with respect to these secret records as i indicated the when the assassination took place they immediately shrouded it in words of national security which as i indicated on the face of it makes no sense this was justice supposedly according to the official narrative just a straight murder case a guy comes out of nowhere shoots the president that's it but they

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shoots the president that's it but they shroud this thing in national security you see and this this doesn't garner the attention of the mainstream press it's just so weird that they wouldn't say what the heck does this have to do with national security it's just a straight murder case i mean you know you can look at murder cases all across the country you don't see them shrouded in terms of national security well the fact is that they needed this thing secret they needed as much secrecy as possible to prevent people from investigating things too too carefully and one of these one of the most important areas where secrecy was absolutely required to maintain control over things was the autopsy now the autopsy of course is a procedure that determines the cause of death and as i've indicated in my two books the kennedy autopsy and the kennedy autopsy too at parkland hospital the the medical examiner dr earl rose was required to perform an autopsy by texas law uh i mean this this was the law and he proceeded to start to do that as soon as the president was declared dead and a team of secret service agents said absolutely not and and there was a you know

almost a violent altercation it's very loud there were profanities and and rose was refusing to let them take the body out of the parkland hospital the uh the secret service brandished guns uh at least by pulling their their jackets back and displaying that they're armed and that and that they were prepared to use them that was the implicit message we are prepared to use these guns on any hospital personnel these were the people who had just been treating the president and and the secret service is threatening to kill him for doing their job i mean this was texas law texas law says in a murder case you have to have an autopsy and and rose is one of the most renowned medical examiners in the country so they forced their way out of parkland so that bros can't perform the

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so that bros can't perform the the autopsy and they they head on over to love field where lyndon johnson's waiting for the body uh he's already having receipts removed from the back of air force one they take the body to maryland and they don't turn it over to the medical examiner there in the county in which they landed they turn it over to the military to the national security establishment and then my books go into what happened in the in the autopsy but everything was shrouded in secrecy and and the people that were part of the autopsy were sworn to secrecy i mean they were they had to sign secrecy oaths they were told you will never ever talk about this it's classified and everybody knows what that means it's in the mil that's in the military or even just in the federal government you're told that something's classified and you've got a security clearance you don't ever talk about it ever even after you leave and that's what they told them you don't ever talk about this even if you leave the military or we will come after you and so everything was shrouded in secrecy well the the reason was they were performing a fraudulent autopsy well after the house select committee on assassinations was meeting in the 1970s which reopened the investigation because so many people said no the official narrative makes no sense whatsoever enlisted men started coming forward because they had been released from their vows of secrecy and classified information and so forth and they began telling a remarkable story that they had brought the president's body in more than an hour and a half before the official entry of the body into the morgue at 8 pm they brought it in at 6 35 p.m well this is a remarkable story i mean you would think somebody in the mainstream press would say why would they be bringing the body in an hour and a half early secretly and are these enlisted men telling the truth i mean there's no reason why they would make up the story and so then when the assassination

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and so then when the assassination records review board starts getting records and documents and so forth in the 1990s they discovered that there's a marine sergeant named roger boyajian who has a report that he had prepared contemporaneously with the assassination he had kept a copy of the report that said yeah my team carried the president's body in at 6 35 pm well the official entry of the body was at 8 pm that's when everybody thought the body was first being brought in that's what that's what the official account was now you have these enlisted men saying no it was actually brought in an hour and a half earlier okay so how does all this happen um and in fact when when colonel fink pierre fink one of the autopsy physicians was called to testify in the clay shaw trial in in new orleans uh he was asked about you know phone how he came to be in one of the autopsy physicians and he says oh i received a telephone call from commander humes who was another one of the autopsy physicians asking me to come over and help and he told me that they already had x-rays of the president's body well that was at 8 pm fink said he called me at 8pm which was the exact same time that the body was officially first being brought in well how could they have x-rays of the president's head i mean that's what humes told uh told fink he says we already have x-rays of the president's head how could he have them if if the body's being brought in for the first time at that official time so that was an implicit it was a screw-up but it was an implicit acknowledgement confirmation of what these enlisted men were saying so that this is where their secrecy really paid off uh that there was never a close investigation as to what happened in this autopsy because by the time people started discovering what happened

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discovering what happened it's like every you know the mainstream press has no interest and so forth now what what happened was that the assassination happens in 63 and then it's shrouded in these secrecy oaths and and uh vows of secrecy and threats and so you you proceed up to i think it was 91 and oliver stone comes out with his movie jfk which posits that this was a regime change operation it was a national security state regime change operation based on grounds of national security no different in principle than the cias and the pentagon's regime change operations in iran some years before in 53 and then the regime changed operation in guatemala in 54. the regime change efforts in cuba during the early 60s including through assassination efforts you've got the assassination of patrice lumumba after the kennedy assassination you have a regime change operation in chile where that where the president was left dead at the end of that operation and all these were based on grounds of national security that these were people that were befriending the soviet union and and uh it was it was necessary to take them out uh and then in the chilean operation very interesting because they orchestrated the kidnapping of the commanding general the overall general of the chilean armed forces because he was resisting this regime change operation and said no i won't participate with the u.s and a coup we have a constitution here constitution doesn't provide that type of thing and u.s officials position was the constitution doesn't matter if your country's going down you've got to oust your president when national security is at stake and when your president becomes a threat to national security because he's befriending the soviet union he's naive he doesn't understand the threat that communism poses and of course this is what what kennedy had done in kennedy's uh speech at american university he had obviously achieved a breakthrough and

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achieved a breakthrough and and realized that the cold war and all this hostility and close to getting to nuclear war was nonsense that there could be peaceful coexistence with the communist world and that's what he announced it at american university and you can see his speech online or and read it as well it was a remarkable speech but it threw the gauntlet down that's that was the war between kennedy and the national security state it was a war over whether the cold war was going to continue or not whether america was going to keep moving in this direction and of course the national security establishment position was there can be no negotiated in with the communists that this was a fight to the finish that you could never trust the communists to to arrive at a deal so kim so stone posits says that this is a national security state regime change operation and of course the mainstream press went ballistic you know oh no you know this is conspiracy theory and so forth and the cia of course had had sent out messages to their assets in the mainstream press uh saying look use conspiracy theory as a way to smear anybody who who suggests that this was a regime change operation and that was a tremendously effective propaganda tool still is i mean there's a lot of people that are scared to death to recall a conspiracy theory theorist and therefore they don't want to get involved in the kennedy assassination but at the end of oliver stone's movie there's a little blurb there that's that i forget exactly what it says but it's something to the effect that the federal agencies are still keeping their record secret this was 30 years after the assassination well there was national outrage over this you know most americans i would venture to say didn't have any idea now everybody was skeptical is it's always been a majority of americans that are skeptical of the official story saying this is ridiculous but here you have a little blurb that says they're keeping their records secret and people were outraged over this so

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people were outraged over this so why the secrecy why the need well as we look back on it the need was so that people wouldn't pierce the things that needed to be pierced like like on the autopsy and so there because of that outrage congress was was motivated to act and they enacted the jfk records collection act and this was during the presidential election you see this is where the cia learned a valuable lesson you know don't have these controversies during presidential elections get these deadlines extended till after the election so that they don't become a campaign issue because president clinton who was running for the first time said yeah let's let's enact this law let's open up these records and and uh so his opponent george uh h.w bush he had been former director of the cia was sort of cornered and so he signed the thing into law and it mandated that all of the federal records needed to be released relating to the assassination well as part of

this they they call into existence the assassination records review board this is the board this is this the staff that doug horn has served on and it's the a-r-r-b now horn's written this magnificent five-volume book that it's a tough read i mean it's like coffee table size but it's really the authoritative case for me and the assassination and now if you if you've never been exposed to any of the literature in the assassination i would recommend starting with jfk and the unspeakable by james douglas absolutely best introduction to what's going on here uh but horn's book is is a you know watershed and in fact my two books the kennedy autopsy and the kennedy autopsy two are essentially synopsis of what horn did in his remarkable five volume work and so the arb is charged with securing the release of all these records and but they they release tens of

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and but they they release tens of thousands of records and the arr b takes some depositions and one of the most remarkable depositions they took was by a woman named saundra spencer who had served in the u.s navy's photography lab in washington on the weekend of the assassination and she had a top secret security clearance she'd work closely with the white house on photographs both social photographs classified photographs no one's ever questioned the competence or integrity of sandra spencer it'd be impossible to find a better witness and she's called to testify and said that told a remarkable story just like these enlisted men had told the remarkable story she said that on the weekend of the assassination she was brought the official autopsy photographs for president kennedy's body and and she was asked to develop them and she developed them and of course looked them as she was developing them and well the arr b general counsel jeremy gunn shows her the official autopsy photographs in the record today and she closely examines them and says no and she's under oath she says no these are not the autopsy photographs that i developed the ones i developed showed a massive exercise wound in the back of the president's head these photographs show the back of his head to be intact well all right so right there right there you have two separate sets of autopsy photographs i mean you got fraud in in the evidence and how do you reconcile fraud on the very weekend of the assassination with an innocent explanation it's impossible but you see they had kept sandra spencer's testimony secret for 30 years because she had been sworn to secrecy classified okay and she had kept it secret for 30 years and so when she's released from her secrecy she she testifies now here's one of the interesting things about the jfk records collection act this was in

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jfk records collection act this was in 1992. somebody slipped a provision into the law that said while these documents are going to be released by mandate the arrb is prohibited from investigating anything it finds is that ridiculous or what i mean what if they find something really incriminating which they did they couldn't investigate it and the arrb board of trustees strictly enforced that prohibition on the staff if any staff member was caught investigating any matter relating to the assassination he would be fired i mean that's the most ridiculous thing i've ever heard of i mean this is a board that's getting you know the release of you know tens of thousands of records some of which might be incriminating but they can't investigate it so in any event they were given 25 more years to release some of those records some of their records and and these are the records that were supposed to be released in 2018. now grant 25 years ago they i'm sure they figured oh god 25 years away you know who cares you know so far away well it finally came around though and they did care now there are still thousands of records here that are that are still being kept secret you know who who knows what else is in these records but it's widely believed by the researchers who by and large are brilliant group of people that these records some of them relate to lee harvey oswald the person who was accused of being the president the the communist marine his trip to mexico city which has been shrouded in mystery since the very beginning and it's it was clearly part of some kind of operation to to get oswald's communist bona fides because they've got him going to the soviet embassy the cuban embassy

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to the soviet embassy the cuban embassy and creating the ruckus and so forth but after the the assassination they come up with a photograph of oswald going into i forget which of the embassies and turns out not to be oswald somebody else and then they've got a recording of oswald calling one of these embassies and it turns out that it's not the voice of oswald it's somebody that's saying he's oswald but it's not his voice and then they somehow or another lose these these tapes and the and these records some of these records and say well we we don't know how we got we lost them or the routine destruction and uh and then oh it turns out that their surveillance cameras were not working that that weekend or the weekend that that or that week that oswald was supposedly visiting these these embassies so the whole thing is shrouded in mysteries and anomalies and so forth but after the after oswald was assassinated by jack ruby that part of the of the investigation is just shut down i mean and the you know the warren commission doesn't delve into it's like oh well what difference does it make you know well it makes a huge amount of difference because it has all the earmarks of an intelligence operation that went awry and that as soon as oswald's uh assassinated the attitude is let's just shut this thing down and let's not go there and that's the attitude keep moving folks nothing here to see and and so it's widely believed by the researchers that these records that they're keeping secret that multitudes of them deal with the mexico city side of this operation and like i say these researchers are brilliant i mean they if there's an anomaly they will find it and the cia knows that and so that's the reason why they want to still keep these

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why they want to still keep these records secret is because they know that the researchers are going to scour them they're going to go over them that if something's been changed or altered or something you can bet you're about a dollar that the researchers are going to figure it out by simply by examining other records and so forth and then there's of course there's always the possibility that that somebody will say hey there needs to be further investigation here because of these records so it's clearly to me a campaign issue it it i mean why in the world should these records be kept secret especially given the the critical mass of circumstantial evidence pointing to the the uh the culpability of the national security state in this assassination because again it's impossible to reconcile a fraudulent autopsy uh with an innocent explanation there's just no way i and i don't know of anyone that's done it no one has it's impossible when you conduct a fraud in an autopsy on the very evening of the assassination that's built into the assassination itself so that's my my my report for this week is the libertarian angle hopefully it will cause some kind of of discussion uh where is the ripple goes out and more and more people start saying why why don't these records be released now i mean there's no reason why they couldn't be released before the election if it were made a campaign issue trump could just rescind the order extend it to octopus the secrecy to october of 21 and just say order the national archives release them now and that's really what you should do don't wait till after the election let's just do it now because again after the election it's going to be that same thing there'll be a spate of publicity the president whether it's biden or trump will will grant the cia's request for another four years of secrecy and we're going to be back to where we were in august of 2018 and where we were 30

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august of 2018 and where we were 30 years ago again there was no reason for secrecy in the first place under the official narrative the only reason for the secrecy as it turned out was to maintain the secrecy of this regime change operation so that's my libertarian angle for this week and we'll return next week with my co-host richard eveline and uh thank you all for your great support we're wrapping up our mid-year fundraising drive if you haven't donated we'd greatly appreciate your help and if you're new to the future of freedom foundation come and visit us at fff.org subscribe to our fff daily also to our monthly journal future freedom and of course to this youtube channel thank you and look forward to seeing you all next week

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